

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on May 6, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment is in full compliance with Rule 116 because it reduces the total number of pending claims, narrows the claims thereby reducing the number of issues in this prosecution. An early entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited.

Claims 2 and 16 have been cancelled and claims 1 and 18-20 have been amended. The pending independent claims require the universal controller to be operable for a plurality of different video games and a plurality of different games that have a moving part such as one or more reels or one or more wheels. Further, the pending independent claims require the game translator system to be operable for either a plurality of video games or a plurality of games with moving parts. Support for the amendments appears in the description of Fig. 7 at p. 39, the description of Fig. 8 at p. 40 and the description of Fig. 9 at p. 41 of the specification as filed. No new matter is added thereby.

Thus, according to the amended claims, to convert the system to one video game to another, only the system output devices need to be changed. Further, according to the amended claims, to convert the system from one game with a moving part such as a wheel or reel to a different game with a moving part such as a wheel or reel, only the system output devices need to be changed. Finally, according to the amended claims, to convert the game from a video-based game to a game with one or more moving parts, then the user only needs to change or modify the translator system along with the output devices, but the user never needs to change the universal game control system which includes the universal controller and the controller interface.

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments to the claims traverse all rejections based on the prior art of record. No hypothetical combination of Jindrick, Miller, Carlson, Mardsen, Ostendorf, and/or Dabrowski teach or suggest the claim combination of the universal controller, controller interface and translator system as recited in pending independent claims 1 and 18-20.

An early action indicating the allowability of this application is respectfully requested.

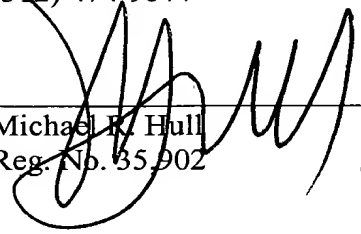
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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